



Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Crime Prevention Unit



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Important Numbers:

- * **Emergency 911**
- * **Non-Emergency**
703-777-1021
703-777-0445
- * **Poison Control**
1-800-222-1222
- * **Animal Control**
703-777-0406
- * **Sheriff's Office Admin**
703-771-0407
- * **Narcotic Tip Line**
703-779-0552
- * **Crime Solvers**
703-777-1919



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National Night Out

National Night Out is scheduled for August 4th. NNO is a time where communities can get together and get to know each other.

Typically the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office selects an area or two and creates an event in those areas. This year the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office would like the communities to celebrate the event as it was intended or to "go back to the basics". What this means is that Neighborhood Watch groups should get together and take a walk around your community or have a cookout inviting the community. Basically anything that gets

you and your community together and out meeting the neighbors.

Some of the Neighborhood Watches are having trouble recruiting members and this is a prime opportunity to recruit new members.

Everyone knows that properly lighting homes, business, and streets help deter crime. So why are so many homes/neighborhoods so poorly lit? So to show your support for this event peo-

ple are asked to turn on their front porch lights.

Lights on means lights out for crime.



McGruff Safety Camp

Every year Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Crime Prevention Unit and Loudoun Fire and Rescue hold a free week long camp for kindergarten and first grade children. At this camp the children learn such things as fire safety, bike safety, stranger safety, among many other things. This camp has become so popular that Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has had to

add 3 additional camps in the last 2 years. Even with this increase in class numbers the camp is still fills up very quickly. This years camps will start the week of July 6th and continue until July 24th. The Adult Crime Prevention Unit will be assisting in these camps. During this time period no Neighborhood Watch classes will be held.

Congratulations to all the children that have made it into the 2009 McGruff Safety Camp.



Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: Is there any county ordinance that states you have to wear a helmet when you are on a bicycle?
- R: Yes there is actually a Loudoun County Ordinance about this. It is 462.03. It states that anyone under the age of 15 shall wear a helmet. This ordinance also cov-

ers people being carried by a bike, motorized skateboards or scooters, and electric power-assisted bicycles.

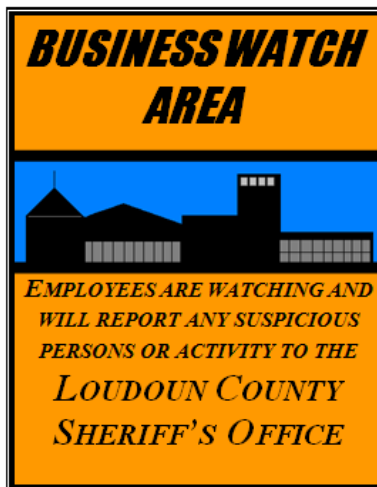
Ordinance 462.03 attached to page 3



If you would like to have a question answered, please e-mail the question to Nathaniel.Payne@loudoun.gov

Business Watch

The Loudoun County Crime Prevention Unit is proud to announce the start up of the Business Watch Program throughout the county. Among the Business Watch program's goals are to increase the communication and cooperation with the Neighborhood Watch programs. Businesses are already coming together and excited about working with the Neighborhood Watches in their areas.



BB Guns

As summer quickly approached citizens are reminded that BB guns, Airsoft guns and Paintball guns are illegal to discharge in most of Loudoun County. Please keep this in mind as schools begin to let out for the summer. It is the Loudoun County Sheriff's Offices goal for everyone to have a fun and safe summer vacation.

Mysterious Purple boxes..

There have been a few calls about purple boxes in trees. These boxes are actually bug traps for the emerald ash borer, an insect that is a new pest in the area. This small green metallic bug has caused the deaths of millions of ash trees in Michigan and surrounding states. This trap is a part of an expanded monitoring, containment, and hopefully eradication program.



Larceny from Vehicles

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2009:

January: 86

February: 120

March: 103

April: 69

May: 80

"LOCK YOUR VEHICLES"

Upcoming events

There will be no events from 7/06/09 though 7/24/09

Ordinances

462.03 USE OF A PROTECTIVE HELMET WHILE OPERATING A BICYCLE OR SIMILAR MOTORIZED DEVICE.

Any person under the age of fifteen shall wear a protective helmet that, at a minimum, meets the standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission while riding or being carried on a bicycle, an electric personal assistive mobility device, a motorized skateboard or scooter, or an electric power-assisted bicycle on any highway, sidewalk, or public bicycle path. The term "highway" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to punishment by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). However, such fine shall be suspended for first-time violators and for violators who, subsequent to the violation but prior to imposition of the fine, purchase helmets of the type required by this section. A violation of this section shall not constitute negligence, assumption of risk, be considered in mitigation of damages of whatever nature, be admissible in evidence, or be the subject of comment by counsel in any action for the recovery of damages arising out of the operation of any bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, motorized skateboard or scooter, or electric power-assisted bicycle, nor shall anything in this section change any existing law, rule, or procedure pertaining to any civil action.

(Ord. 07-04. Passed 9-4-07.)